American Nickel Works,

Camden, N.J. April 4, 1887.

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Director of the Mint.

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Yours truly,

Joseph Wharton

(Copy.)

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

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